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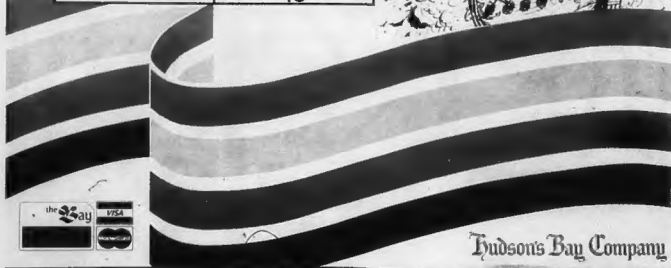
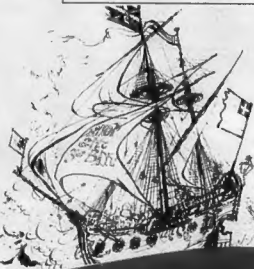
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Children from Brenda Cavanagh's Grade 2 class staff letters to Santa Claus into postmaster Le-Roy Robinson's mailbag. (photo by Stuart Adams)

Santa's letters surely to be read

If Drayton Valley children can get their letters to Santa Claus mailed by Dec. 17, they can expect a reply before Christmas.

"We have Santa Claus's address at the North Pole and he informs us all letters addressed to him there will be answered," said Drayton Valley postmaster Le-Roy Robinson.

He said the letters should be addressed to: Santa Claus, North Pole, H0H 0H0.

The postmaster stressed return addresses should be clearly marked to ensure an answer.

"The post office is pleased to be part of Santa Claus's Christmas letter network," said Robinson.

Last year approximately 700 letters were handled through the Drayton Valley post office.

"It's a fast service," he added, saying a special link has been made with the North Pole.

He said children may drop their letters to Santa Claus in the mail drop on the outside of the building or give them to a postal clerk.

Patients don't complain about ambulance service

By Greg Harris
Alberta's rural ambulance standards, most recently attacked during the provincial election campaign, are high and provide quality service in Drayton Valley.

"As far as I'm concerned the ambulance service locally has been very good ... certainly none of my patients have ever complained," says Drayton Valley General Hospital Chief of Staff Dr. William Cookson.

Alberta is currently the only province without regulatory standards for ambulance operators, a factor which the Alberta Ambulance Association says has resulted in sub-standard care for some rural residents.

Dick Dejong of Drayton Valley Ambulance (1981) Ltd., operating in the area for two and a half years, agrees that the provincial government could step in with legislation to standardize service.

"My basic belief is that patients come first, money is secondary," he says.

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Kids' theater for Xmas

Wall to be capped while burning

Boots faces challenge

By Stuart Adams
Crews are working around the clock at Amoco Canada's wild well near Lodgepole in preparation for an attempt to implement a capping technique which has only been done several times before.

Boots Hansen of Boots and Coats Inc. was brought in Thursday to replace Joe Bowden's Wild Well Control.

Hansen will try to cap the well while it is still on fire—something which he has done twice before.

Amoco Canada spokesman Don Smith said Monday night the crews are expected to take 10 days to two weeks to ready the site for the attempt to cap the well.

He explained wellhead equipment has been damaged by the second fire and must be removed.

Two service rigs will be used to draw a cable back.

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Amoco Canada public affairs representatives face the press at Friday's news conference.



Pre-schoolers prepare for Xmas

Jason has put the finishing touches on one of Santa's Elves as part of Santa's Castle. The children of Karen Davis' kindergarten class at the Drayton Valley Community Kindergarten built a Santa's Castle last week. (photo by Stuart Adams)

Interest rate problems are difficult to solve

By Greg Harris

Rolling with today's hard economic punch was the topic of discussion at a day-long seminar Saturday by Alberta Agriculture.

About a dozen area farmers heard speakers representing the Farm Management Branch, the Farm Credit Corporation, and IST Canam.

All agreed clear-cut solutions for beating today's high interest rates were impossible to pinpoint but suggested survival strategies as valuable tactics for staying afloat.

"If nothing else it will change their attitudes. We've shown them what the situation is like and how they might cope with it in terms of their own operations," said District Agriculturalist Doug Walkey. The agriculture industry is in the "odd situation" where "people are working to support losing operations," he noted. "You don't fix that in

the oil patch," he said. Ron Cuthbert of the Farm Management Branch in Olds opened the seminar with a presentation concerning managing records for positive cash flow.

Gary Shufelt of the Farm Credit Corporation in Edmonton revealed strategies for borrowing money and Bob Winchell, farm economist from Barrhead, delivered a speech concerning money retention.

Sam Flahew, marketing manager with IST Canam-Alberta, concluded the seminar. Just the same, Amoco and others were upset with the seminar. "Blowout means party," explained Alex Sak.

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Clark says Liberals give false impression

By Elizabeth Odell

Six local Progressive Conservative party members were elected Nov. 30 to represent the Yellowhead constituency at the party's national convention in Winnipeg in January.

The Yellowhead representatives are: Hazel Kays of Drayton Valley, Jim Machan of Spruce Grove, Sam Lenka of Sargus, Yvonne Sister of Spruce Grove, Derek Dodd of Spruce Grove and constituency president Claire Carefoot. Fifty-eight voting members attended the party meeting.



Claire Carefoot is the Yellowhead riding president.

Opposition leader Joe Clark gave a shortened version of a speech written by a \$185 a plate dinner later that night in Edmonton.

Clark said the Liberal government is giving a false impression of trying to improve the economy by introducing the "six-and-five" per cent wage increase guidelines.

"We have a government only pretending to act," he said.

Commenting on Marc Lalonde's major qualifications as Finance minister, Clark suggested that he's a magician—he made the Canadian oil industry disappear.

What's needed to improve the economy is an increase in confidence in Canada as a place to invest, Clark said.

Bank of Canada statistics show the annual outflow of unutilized capital jumped to \$8 billion in 1981 from \$2 million the previous year.

That's money taken out of the country which could have created jobs, he said.

Clark reported the PC party is "healthy and strong across the country" and has been "number one in the Gallup polls for the last 12 months."

"This party has become the next government of Canada," he said.

Claire Carefoot said there will be six delegates from each of the 282 ridings in the country attending from Jan. 26 to 30.

According to her the main theme on the agenda will be the election of a new party executive, a series of workshops on campaigning and a vote on a leadership review.

As contained in the Progressive Conservative Party constitution, a general meeting must be held every two years. At that time the delegates vote on whether or not to hold a leadership convention.

"As far as I can gather the vote will be 80 per cent against a leadership convention," said Carefoot, citing polls from within the party membership.

There are several isolated individuals who are making a false over nothing," she added. "The party is solidly behind Joe Clark."

Blowout Days won't be discontinued

By Mack McCall

The president of Drayton Valley Blowout Days says the festival's name is not related to wild incidents.

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and preparing for January, with no intention of stopping the event.

"In 1977, when it started, Drayton Valley didn't have a summer occasion and we needed a festival."

"We've since combined with the Lions rodeo."

Sak doesn't expect any pressure from Amoco as a result of the present wild west near Lodepole.

"They thought we were taking a shot at them with their wild west but the same is no reflection on Amoco or any other oil company's industry policies."

"The name blowout days stir things up a bit," he added.

Asked if the 1983 festival is being planned, Sak replied, "The committee is intact."



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Opinions

Be wary of seasonal excesses

Christmas parties are in full swing and drivers should go through the holiday season with safety foremost in mind.

Most people will be going to more than one Christmas party. Drinking seems to be

considered in keeping with the holiday spirit, but the hazards of drinking and driving should not be forgotten because it's Christmas.

Accidents happen to drunk drivers all year long. But at this time of year the consequences can be more serious. Death and injury are never acceptable at the best of times, but don't forget the problems caused by putting your vehicle and someone else's out of commission for the holiday season.

A number of companies are handling the problem by having volunteers stay sober to drive their intoxicated friends home at the end of the night; that's an excellent solution.

Those volunteers will be giving more than one of their friends a gift this year. The numbers are against the drunk drivers and invariably there will be people who would have had accidents if not for the drive-home service.

Hopefully employees of the various companies giving Christmas parties will make use of this alternative. Non-drinking volunteers should be giving more than a few people a special Christmas gift.

Foresight deserves praise

Between the blowout, Suncor and the proposed hazardous wastes treatment plant, Alberta Environment has received strong criticism recently.

However, the department deserves credit for the sanitary landfill program of which Drayton Valley is a part.

Within 18 months we will have a park-type area which will eventually grow to a park covering a quarter section.

What better way to dispose of the garbage we produce as a community? Bury it, pack it and then use the land for recreation.

Instead of a liability, which is the way most people view garbage dumps, we will have a site which will be virtually garbage-free.

The previous two communities to set up such a site now have such activities as Boy Scout and Girl Guide camps. Who would have thought of camping out on top of a dump?

Ironically the restricting factor on how soon we will fill the quarter section is how much garbage we produce. It will take an estimated 20 years for us to fill in the site.

In the meantime we will have a park which will grow as we dispose of our garbage. In this case our provincial government, and in particular Alberta Environment, deserve kudos for a well thought out plan.



This picture was taken at the conifer east of Drayton Valley.

(photo by Stuart Adams)

Editor's Notes

Hopefully, Drayton Valley residents will make use of the community cable channel which CTV is setting up.

The possibilities for the town are endless. We can have local coverage of activities from culture to sports.

That's a broad area and all that's needed are a few interested individuals.

The skill required to operate the equipment is minimal and with a little organization we could see long-term benefits.

Wouldn't you prefer seeing local faces on your television set to the Duke of Hazard? I don't care for television, so I don't own one, but if this idea takes off I may have to buy one.

The only problem I can foresee is people may stop buying the newspaper.

Drayton Valley residents are still maintaining a sense of humor as Amoco's blowout pushes the 50-day mark. So far the best joke on the subject comes from Western Review writer Mack McGill.

He taped a 'Newsflash' onto one of our maps of Alberta. It's delineated Drayton Valley and reads, "The Amoco gas well blew the 'Lodge' out of Lodgepole today. While the 'pole' stands alone in the Alberta wilderness, witnesses report seeing the 'Lodge' flying north and east in the direction of Edmonton."

Stuart Adams
Managing Editor

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Opinions

Poacher's reputation reflects on all hunters

Dear Editor:

I certainly agree with George Matheson on his article, "Poachers are Being Dealt With Too Lightly," in the Nov. 17 Western Review.

I remember reading about the case George refers to, and was also amazed that a magistrate or anyone else for that matter could be convinced that someone driving at night with a loaded gun between his knees, and a flashlight out the window, would be looking for a lost companion.

It must be discouraging for our wildlife officers who are in charge of such large tracts of land to have such an obvious case of juggling thrown out of court.

Poaching of game is a serious problem all over the world, and difficult to control.

It is an act that should not be overlooked anywhere. But it is easier to understand in countries where the selling of a hide or tusks might mean the difference between eating and not eating. In our country despite the recession there is no excuse.

The poacher is a thief, and he (or she) is stealing from all of us.

The poacher has a reputation which reflects on all hunters including those who abide by the laws. Because so much game is killed illegally it is hard not to find yourself questioning the intent of everyone wearing hunting colors. This is probably what gave birth to the anti-hunting movement.

Our reasons for concern may be different. I want enough wildlife preserved so that I might continue to enjoy watching and photographing it

from my kitchen window, or as I drive down the road. And to hope that my children and grandchildren might have the same privilege.

Yours might be for the purpose of sport hunting for yourself, your sons and their sons.

Different as our reasons might be, we must work together to preserve what belongs to us and future generations.

George notes that pressure groups need to start exercising their rights politically. I think we as individuals should do the same. Pressure the government to put more teeth in these laws, and perhaps increase the fines.

Above all we need to give our wildlife officers all the help and encouragement we can.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Dennis Haskel
Drayton Valley

Media stench is the worst

Dear Editor:

Perhaps the only thing more dangerous than the sour gas is the reporting that has gone on regarding the well.

Most people will remember the media stench far longer than the smell which came from the well. Enough of the reporters' stupid comments—perhaps it is time for a few pats on the back for everyone who has worked so hard trying to cap this well.

A little bit of research would help too. I am sure the people who grew up in and around Turner Valley will tell you that the smell is just that—a smell.

Many folks who grew up in that town had the smell a lot worse for many, many years, and the people I know from Turner Valley are still very active and have no physical complaints.

My hope is to be as active as they are when I reach their ages several years from now.

M. Jenkins
Drayton Valley

Dear Editor:

I'm writing in reply to a certain letter to the editor in last week's paper. I'm rather confused at the points these particular individuals are trying to put across.

Here's our newspaper: been emphasizing humanity: the quality or state of being human, kind, generous behavior or disposition; compassion. Anyone who cuts down their own local paper and the residents of their own town can't be very kind. And a person who prefers offside to animals is FAR from compassionate.

I feel that you are the one with warped values, not the "The People of Drayton Valley."

However, I must compliment you on your

usage of words. You probably figured us "country hicks" wouldn't be able to interpret them.

Maybe you should have looked up the definition of basically before writing it because you used the wrong definition of it. It reads as follows:

Basically: the quality or state of being human, kind, generous behavior or disposition; compassion. Anyone who cuts down their own local paper and the residents of their own town can't be very kind. And a person who prefers offside to animals is FAR from compassionate.

Oh, by the way, this IS a newspaper.
Arlene J. Loner
Strider, PHMS
Drayton Valley, Alta.

Your Comment

What is your opinion of Amoco's decision to bring in Boots and Coots?

Linda Wall
Alma
I'm sure that Bowden fellow was doing his utmost to cap it but maybe he doesn't have the experience. We're all concerned about it.

Emil Jean Tushank
I would say they're doing the best they can, and with the fire going it helps keep the smell down.

Steve Semms
Drayton Valley
My sympathy lies with Bowden. However, I understand the decision was made to cap the well while Bering and I was he I wouldn't try and cap it either. I think Boots and Coots can do it.

Barry Colver
Clareholm
If they can do the job I think it's a good move. Red Adair would have been the man to do it because he has the experience.

Leta Puettcher
Alma
Enough is enough. I think they should get on with it. It's about time something was done.

Shoddy conditions disgrace finals

By Greg Harris
St. Anthony's boys' and girls' volleyball coaches are "shocked" and "impressed" with playing conditions at Saturday's Parkland County Junior High School volleyball finals at Woodhaven School in Spruce Grove.

"I couldn't believe the set-up they had for a county final. It was really ridiculous," said exasperated junior boys' coach Wayne Tournear.

Courts at Woodhaven School were six feet smaller than regulation size with walls at opposite ends joining the floor at the boundary line.

"The boys had to put one foot on the wall, take a step, and then serve."

The team experienced difficulty placing serves under the shortened conditions which consequently "messed up the rest of their game," according to Tournear.

St. Anthony's boys finished third behind

first place Woodhaven, and second place Branson, also of Spruce Grove.

Girls' coach Lucia Garcia also expressed disappointment at the unconventional playing conditions.

"We were not very happy at all," she said. "The calibre of volleyball at this level isn't anything spectacular but this was the tournament of the season," she noted.

St. Anthony's girls' squad also finished third behind Rynio Plain and Brerton schools.

Coach Tournear said he is writing a letter of complaint to the president of the league in an effort to ensure proper conditions are provided in future tournaments.

The league president, according to Tournear, also holds the position of coach of Woodhaven's boys' volleyball team.

St. Anthony's girls' team now hang up their knee-pads and coach Garcia said she's "really proud of them. They played a great season."

Coach Tournear says the same of his squad. "As far as I'm concerned the kids are by far the best team in the county."

Tournear will give his players a rest over the holidays until the end of January when they'll travel to Edmonton for an Alberta Volleyball Association tournament.

Fatigue plagues Oilers play

By Mark McCall

The Norsette Oilers Bantam club lost their fourth game in six league play starts. They played Inisfail to a 10-5 finish Dec. 4 at Centennial Civic Centre.

The loss came on the heels of their first victory the previous night in Stettler.

"Our club was tired from a long night," explained Norsette manager Larry Poffenroth, adding the team arrived home at 2 a.m.

"Our boys played well in Stettler, coming back from a two goal second period deficit to win the game 7-6."

Aside from fatigue, the team needs more practice time. Poffenroth figures.

"The defence needs more work. Our goaltending is solid but Meland was facing too many point-blank shots."

The Norsette goalkeeper faced over 30 shots during the Inisfail game until Tournear re-

leased him late in the third period.

Inisfail jumped in front 4-0 before Norsette scored at the 6:00 mark of the first period. But the defence continued allowing Inisfail's shooters to position in the slot, taking shots on Meland at will.

The second period ended with Inisfail leading 10-4.

In the third, Norsette replied with another goal and shot out Inisfail.

"We had three boys missing to another commitment and it affected us. We took two periods off organized," added Poffenroth.

Norsette scorers were: two from Shimshab, one from Ness, one from Benoit, and one from Brown.

(Puck notes: Inisfail was playing their 13th game this season. They are building towards a 10-day tournament in Denmark, next March.)

Coach laments lapse in discipline, teamwork

By Mark McCall

Rick Lapointe wonders what to do with his Flyers, after a 6-1 trouncing at the hands of the Alx Warriors Dec. 4 in Drayton Valley.

"I'm beginning to think changes are needed," said the exasperated Flyers coach.

"We had 11 guys out to last Wednesday's practice and that isn't good enough."

Lapointe explained how, in the past few weeks, he has taught a system for man-even and powerplay situations. "But, guys are missing games and practices so they never pick it up."

Saturday night's game started fast, both teams working and hitting. But Alx scored at the 6:28 mark and a long night for the Flyers began.

"We worked hard enough but not together and what can you expect from that?"

"We played Goodline in goal and he did well, but he couldn't do it alone," explained Lapointe, adding the Flyers goaltender was facing too many shots from the deep slot.

The Flyers skated easily with a lachustrine Alx team and carried more than enough of the play but they made too many give-aways breaking out of their own end.

"Our break-out system involves starting from behind our net, allowing a defenceman to handle the puck for us at centre ice."

The opposition has to take him, and often "we will try, leaving a lot of open ice for our forwards," Lapointe explained.

"The powerplay is disorganized and we give the puck away too fast. Instead of working for three-on-two."

The Flyers' lone goal came from Frank Stables, a shot from the point, early in the third period, making it 4-1. Alx responded with two more, one at 8:44 and another 14 seconds later.

"We could beat them every time we play them, if we showed discipline," added Lapointe.

(Puck note: Brad Turnbull joins the Flyers as a centerman.)

"Working any system takes practice and exposure to it, as a team. Discipline is the key."

INVITATION TO TENDER

Sealed tenders are invited on the undermentioned demolition project. The Evansburg Junior High School is to be demolished and the school property returned to its natural state. All materials and equipment, less items retained by the school division will belong to the accepted contractor. High bids may not necessarily be accepted. The building is situated in Evansburg, Alberta. Closing date is 12 noon, January 7, 1983. All bids are to be forwarded to:

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Blades hang on to win

By Greg Harris

Brandonite Blades played to an even record on the weekend with a 6-6 win over Barrhead and an 8-6 loss against Rimby in Junior B hockey action.

Barrhead nearly pulled off a come-from-behind win Friday by proving Rimby's skaters into the penalty box in the third period.

Blades dominated play for most of the game but were eventually rattled by Barrhead's physical brand of play, enough to give up a three-goal lead.

Greg Tucker scored twice with Rick Thiel,

Mark Wilneff, Ken Baird and Tim Coote each scoring one.

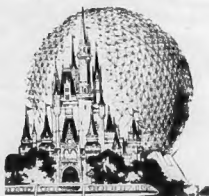
Sunday's game in Rimby was well contested according to Mike Koehnrich, but he added Rimby is probably the top team in the league at this stage of the season.

Netminder Darrin Kuba replaced Rod Benulik early in the game and stood up well under the pressure of 22 shots on goal, according to Koehnrich.

Ken Baird scored two goals with Mark Wilneff, Vero Hoshikawa and Tony Knight adding one apiece.

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D.V. Players have something for the kids

By Stuart Adams

This Christmas the D.V. Players will have something for the children in Drayton Valley. Running the Sunday, Monday and Tuesday before Christmas, they will present The Bell, a 50-minute play written for children from ages four to nine years.

Director Ian Johnston said the play involves audience participation. The "stage" is set in the middle of the audience and the actors and actresses move on and off through the aisle ways between the children.

Direct appeals are made for assistance. They're called upon to create magical sound effects or help in the preparation of a royal feast.

In a dress rehearsal about a dozen children responded enthusiastically with wind sounds and "hum" to help out the characters.

Johnston said the play revolves around the efforts of Tom, a bellmaker, who is given the task of

keeping happiness in the world. To do this he must make the "Bell of Happiness."

Tom has a series of adventures obtaining the ingredients for the bell. "He gets the ingredients magically," said Johnston, "but the audience is used to help him provide the ingredients."

A different group of members of the D.V.

Players from the ones who put on Teach Me How To Cry, is involved in the production of this play. Nine people comprise the troupe. Johnston is handling the directing duties. Mary Frouin is the stage manager and Colin and Brenda Cavanagh, Paul Vickers, Claire Johnston, Gord Russell, Wilts Vander Ploeg and Mary Schmidt are the actresses and actors.



Mary Schmidt includes the audience.



Colin Cavanagh will be a king in the play.

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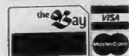
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Drayton Valley may have local programming

Familiar faces could become a common sight on cable Channel 10 if Drayton Valley residents respond to QCTV's community channel program.

In a news release from the troupe, president Ed Polanski is quoted as saying QCTV is responsible for "providing the expertise, equipment and a free channel for producing and televising community programs."

A recently appointed "community animator" for QCTV, Paul Verburg, will be giving a workshop Jan. 5 for those interested in participating in the program.

"What I'm hoping to set up is a core of volunteers who could be their own producers, directors and their own camera people," said Verburg.

Organized by town recreation director Daniels Woolsey, the one-day course will last from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Woolsey said anybody off the street could take the workshop and learn how to operate the equipment. "It's very simple," he explained. "That's why the workshop only takes six hours."

Verburg said QCTV will supply an Electronic

News Gathering (ENG) unit which is the same as most television stations use for outside-the-studio work. It's comprised of a camera, recorder and lighting and sound equipment.

He said he will administer initial supervision, but once the operators become competent he would leave them on their own with the equipment to do the productions.

There are editing facilities in Edmonton and he said the people involved could do the editing there, or he would do it for them. He added he hoped to set up the town as an independent programming area.

A variety of local events are possible program subjects for the channel. "You name it, we can do it," said Verburg, "as long as it's not educational or commercial."

He explained CRTC regulations don't permit commercial advertising on the channel and there is already an educational channel in place, Channel 8.

He suggested programs such as band concerts from local schools, interviews, trade fairs, sports events and even political forums.

"We're starting off with an hour a week," Verburg said, "but if they can produce more we'll run it."

Woolsey said 18 people will be able to take the course initially and if there is enough interest shown further workshops would be set up.

—Challenge—

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and forth to cut off the wellhead just above ground level.

Once this is completed a trench will be dug across the well site. Smith said the three-metre deep trench will be about 100 metres long and approximately 10 metres wide. It will be dug so that the wellhead is roughly in the middle so workers will have two access routes to it.

The damaged equipment on the wellhead is called a casing bowl. It's the piece to which the blowout preventer will be attached. Once the damaged casing bowl is removed and the trench dug, the casing will be cut again and a new casing bowl installed.

The major problems we have are to protect the crews from the heat," Smith said.

During the second operation there will be a heat shield over the trench," he said, referring to the installation of the new casing bowl.

Following that a BOP will be moved into position by crane and placed over the wellhead while the fire is still burning. Smith said there will be a deflector on the BOP to protect workers from flames and condensate. The lowering of the BOP

into the flame will be done by remote control.

Once the BOP is in position on the casing bowl and attached, flare lines will divert the gas away from the wellhead site. Drilling mud will then be pumped down the hole to counteract the flow of gas and kill the well.

Amoco spokesman said Boots and Coots replaced Bowden because Bowden was unwilling to cap the well while it was burning.

Boots Hansen was invited to the Friday press conference but did not attend. Amoco spokesman Don Smith said Hansen's policy is not to speak to the media until the end of an operation. He also said Hansen had spoken with Bowden who informed him he hadn't been treated fairly by the media in some instances.

Coots Matthews was contacted at his home in Houston, Texas, and was confident his partner could do the job. "I know it'll work," he said. "It's been done before."

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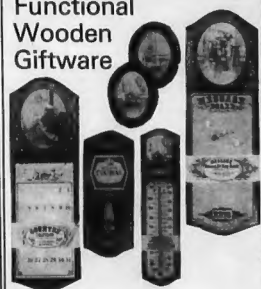
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Lion's supporting Evansburg activities

By Alice Grant

The Evansburg Double E Lions held a meeting at the Legion Hall Nov. 23. Plans were finalized for the seniors' Christmas supper and social evening to be held at the Legion Hall Dec. 12.

Zona chairman Nester Senychyn from Wilewood is in attendance and indicated Rex Rimmer as a new Lion member.

The Lions will donate \$125 to the Little Banners from Estevale. They are affiliated with Scouts Canada and cover the age group from five to eight years.

The Lions also donated \$100 to the creative writing project. This is a contest open to all students from Grades 1 to 12, including areas from Niton to Estevale.

John Mischuk of Evansburg has made his

mark again as one of the world's top armwrestlers. John placed second in the super heavyweight class, 245 pounds and over, at the world event held in Syracuse, N.Y., on Nov. 13 and 14. Along with 30 other Canadians, John led his country to a second place next to the U.S.A.

John has been armwrestling for six years. His plans are to enter the International tournament in Reno, U.S.A., in January. The next world championship will be held in Costa Rica in November 1983, and John is planning for that too.

Rachel Gardiner from Seba Beach placed second in the ladies' 70 kilos event at Syracuse.

The Evansburg Double E Lions sponsored a ticket contest on the Grey Cup football game. The winners were: first quarter, W. Gates and Barry Law; half time, Edna Kopp; third quarter, Jerry Pharran and Ian Helmer; final score, D. Grant and Gladys Mealy.

A harvest dance and supper was held at the Evansburg Legion Hall Nov. 27 to support the Pembina Minor Hockey Association.

Guy Oudolovic, president of the Minor Hockey Club, presented Bob and Mary Cumming with a cake on the occasion of their 40th anniversary.

The Alberta West Central Health Unit held a meeting at Heritage House in Evansburg Nov. 30. Betty Ward of Edson was guest speaker, and Mario Butta represented the Evansburg Health Unit.

A committee was appointed to check into the Home Care programs for senior citizens and also those needing transportation for medical appointments.

The committee is T.D. Baker, Mary Cumming, Dora Tuttle, Owey Anderson, Elmer Oliver and Carol Greenwood. The committee will meet again at the T.D. Baker home on Jan. 5.

New facility

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Christmas party

By LJ Bailey

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The MacDougall families went to Red Door Sunday to visit Eleanor and Elmer.

The Keophts Athletic Association held its annual Christmas party Nov. 26 for members and invited guests. This is the first one held in their new facility.

Doug and Cindy Dixon and daughters of Owey visited Cindy's parents, Leonard and Myrna Engelhardt, recently.

Mary Hansen has recently undergone surgery in an Edmonton hospital.



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Radical changes foreseen for the north

Northerners will take greater control over their own governments as the result of landmark policy decisions announced Nov. 28 by John Munro, minister of Indian and Northern Affairs.

The development of political structures in the north has had its noteworthy milestones," Munro told a press conference.

"I am confident today will take its place amongst these important dates and events in the history of the north. Today I can announce decisions which will have a far-reaching and positive impact on political boundaries in the north and the manner in which northerners govern themselves."

The federal government is prepared to accept in principle the subdivision of the Northwest Territories. Acceptance is contingent on settlement of comprehensive land claims and on northerners forging a consensus on such crucial issues as boundaries, future locations of any new administrative centres and the distribution of powers with respect to local regional and territorial levels of government.

Provincial status for Yukon and the NWT is not a realistic objective in the foreseeable future. Munro explained "I am confident that most northerners will acknowledge the realities which underlie this broad restraint. The small population base, a vast area, an undeveloped and narrowly based economy and the need of the Federal government to protect Canada's national interests all militate against serious consideration of provincial status at this time."

The federal government, however, renewed its longstanding commitment to responsible government and reinforced that commitment with new measures that will provide a solid base for future political growth. The Yukon Act will be amended as soon as native claims have been settled. It will confirm in law the steps already taken toward achieving responsible government in Yukon. This process will be delayed somewhat in the NWT where such fundamental issues as division are resolved. The federal government will also move rapidly to introduce formula-based approach

to providing financial support to the territories from the federal government. In announcing this initiative, Munro expressed the belief that "the effect of this will be to allow improved fiscal planning and to enable northern governments to assume full accountability for their budget decisions."

To further strengthen the territorial governments and help them deal with the related costs of resource development, the federal government has also committed itself to give the territories a certain level of discretionary revenue. Specific proposals will be worked out in the near future.

"The past decade has seen great progress toward self-determination in Canada's north,

which has excited and exhilarated everyone associated with it," Munro concluded. "These accomplishments are a source of great pride to northerners. I share their pride on behalf of the federal government, which has worked toward creating a favorable environment for these achievements and in response to the people's stated aspirations. The Canadian nation as a whole can only benefit from the growing strength and responsibility.

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Reg Ross of the Community Bus Association figures a new bus is in order.

Community bus service in need of new equipment

By Mack McCall

Drayton Valley's volunteer-run transportation system needs upgrading if service is to be continued.

One of the two older buses presently in use has served Drayton Valley interest groups and sports teams for over 10 years.

"The old MCI is falling apart at the seams," said Reg Ross, a volunteer driver and the chairman charged with scheduling Community Bus Association (CBA) trips.

"We started with it and bought a Thomas school bus-style as a second vehicle, five years later."

The association is presently looking for a newer bus, "but costs are high for one of these machines."

A new MCI runs around \$200,000 and we just looked at a used one in Calgary, for \$115,000. We didn't have the money."

The CBA is presently negotiating on another MCI in Salmon Arm, B.C., costing \$27,000.

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Ross told how the local association's bus broke down at Mayethorpe, having transported Drayton Valley buses to a card hall there.

"Ray Tolman of Mayethorpe towed it back here free of charge. He's a community-minded fellow and he did us a great favor," said Ross.

--- Ambulance ---

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"There are some services in Alberta where it's money first and care second."

"This service will never ever be like that."

Dejong says the government should provide subsidies along with regulations on operators to meet the high costs of maintaining and improving their equipment and skills.

"In the last two years we've made tremendous strides in service -- in March we spent \$9,800 bringing equipment up to standards."

--- Bus service ---

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The CBA has taken groups as far as southern Saskatchewan, a school band to Notre Dame, and other groups into Montana and Washington states. More recently, the CBA has took media to the

Drayton Valley Ambulance employs three full-time attendants on 24-hour call for its fleet of three ambulances.

The service is equipped to travel to Edmonton if need be, and Dejong says he's reached the city in as little time as 95 minutes, although that's really pushing it.

It serves approximately a 25-mile radius of Drayton Valley and boasts he's never lost a patient in two years.

Amore Lodgepole blowout.

"Each bus holds 41 passengers. Hockey teams, 4-H clubs, senior citizens, ski clubs, county delegations and Drayton Valley delegations have used these buses at various times," explained Ross.

The association runs on volunteers, with 40 drivers, most of whom work for nothing. The buses were bought through donations from the Legion and Lions organizations and local businesses have poured funds into vehicle maintenance.

"They go through a six-month government inspection to receive the necessary permit."

Ross said maintenance is the only thing keeping the MCI running but the Thomas has never needed major repairs.

"It's got over 200,000 miles on it and it's running like new, but it's just a glorified school bus at best."

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Elderly couple remain close after 57 years

By Mack McCall

Minnie and Evert Brandt celebrated 57 years of marriage Dec. 1 at Drayton Valley Hospital.

The couple were wed in 1925 at Camrose, and moved to this area five years later.

Both came originally from the northern United States, Minnie from Minnesota and Evert from North Dakota.

"I left the Dakotas because for several years the farming was poor," said Evert.

"At first I worked as a brakeman on trains, then I worked around Saskatchewan until I met Minnie, whose parents had immigrated to the Camrose district."

"We got married and moved to Medicine Hat where I bought shares in a mine operation, then sold out before the depression hit—too many miners," Evert added.

Meanwhile, Minnie's parents had re-settled in Tomahawk and in 1930 she and Evert came to visit.

"I found plenty of work so we decided to stay," and a year later they chose to homestead, taking a parcel near Violet Grove.

"April 9, 1931 was the day we started and we stayed until March of this year."

Evert described some of his experiences over those 51 years.

"In 1933 we needed a school and set out to get one but being at this end of the county didn't help much."

"It was 1936 before we got it," remembered Evert, adding he learned a good deal about politics from that instance.

"Once the depression faded I took a job with a lumber company. From 1936 to 1941, Minnie ran the farm while I pushed paper," he joked.

Evert Brandt's service to the district covered many interests, including positions with planning commissions, road commissions, reclamation councils, and 18 years as director of the original Stouy Plain Senior Citizens Club.

Evert described the dramatic change caused by black gold.

"In 1953 there were nine families around Violet Grove. When I enumerated for the 1953 provincial



Evert and Minnie Brandt share the memories of 57 years together.

election there were over 600 people in Violet Grove. "It exploded with the discovery of oil!"

In 1955-56 there were 67 drilling rigs stationed around Drayton Valley, each drilling constantly and every hole containing oil, he said.

In 1953 Evert began 10 years service with the Department of Lands, Mines and Minerals Reclamation Council.

"I quit farming in 1966. I was too busy chasing through Improvement District #14, settling claims between farmers and oil companies," Evert said, grinning.

Evert let one secret slip: "Think young. All my life I've thought young and I always will. There's so much to learn and you're never too old."

"I figured if my car broke down somewhere on that huge tract of land (1,144), the walk would be too much."

Minnie, now age 83, required hospitalization in March this year, so they sold their land and Evert moved to Drayton Valley.

He joins her daily at the hospital for lunch. "She's been a good wife. Nobody could ask for better."

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He retired in 1973, at the age of 75.

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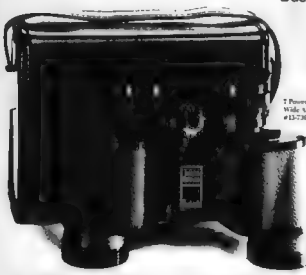
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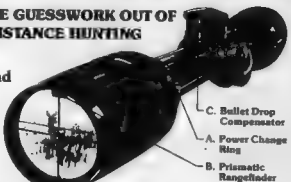
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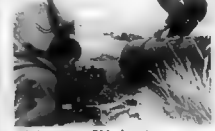
Production filmed in area



A pipeline constructed of cardboard boxes made of best materials and antireflective. Shots of black plastic simulate the oil flowing towards the river. Cameraman Bob Hudson and art director Richard Hudson (left) set up the shot.



McLennan delivers lines to off-camera assistant director Jim Long while Williams stands in the background.



"Oil" threatens a wild land sanctuary.



Lead actor David McLennan (centre) listens to instructions from Director Don S. Williams as actor Sid Williams looks on.

Television viewers across Canada will be treated to the rugged scenery of the Drayton Valley area when the CTV network airs three, half-hour pilot programs called *The Bush Pilots*.

The episodes feature the ongoing escapades of an old-style bush pilot company and are expected to be shown early next year.

Kicking Horse Productions Ltd. spent the last week filming in the North Saskatchewan River valley and in the bush country near Rock Lake. The region was chosen for the variety of northern-like set locations it offers in a relatively small area, according to producer Lawrence Shorter.

Inclement weather, the renegade snow gas well, and other assorted production snags hampered filming wilderness sequences but cast and crew managed to complete filming only slightly behind schedule Saturday.

"It's like trying to coordinate World War III," remarked producer Lawrence Shorter in one of the company's hotel rooms-turned nerve center for the week-long filming.

"Nothing is riskier than trying to plan the weather," said Shorter, noting that morning fog and poor drying conditions caused numerous delays in filming.

The crew had hoped to use the Lodgepole airport and the Brazeau forestry tower for some of the many aerial shots included in the episodes, but had to make other arrangements when it became apparent the well wouldn't be immediately capped.

Shorter shrugged off these production gremlins, saying "the trick is to get it put together anyway."

Production would have been much more costly and time consuming, he said, without the generous support of Drayton Valley area people.

Last week's shooting was the culmination of approximately five months of pre-production work. One of the more important endeavors of pre-production is "getting continuity between scripts," so characters and settings in different episodes blend as one.

While first assistant director Jim Long and art director Richard Hudson ironed out wrinkles in the scripts, the rest of the company organized their particular areas of specialty such as lighting, props or wardrobe.

"Before you even start the principle

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Committee writes local history

By LeoGael Larsson

Janina Bruze died Nov. 30 at the age of 75 years. She is survived by her husband Leon of Wetaskiwin; one daughter, Lucy Beltemini of Pandry; one son, Rudy of Buck Lake; one brother in Poland; and six grandchildren in Alberta. Funeral service was held Dec. 9 at the Buck Lake Hall with Rev. McCarty officiating. Interment was in Siegel Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers were Ray Tomblin, Ed Grylls, Clare Parker, Big Larsson, Chester Sully and Richard Beltemini.

The Minnehaha Ladies' Friendly Circle met at the home of Goldie Anderson Nov. 10 with nine members attending. They welcomed one new

member to the club, Sue White. Plans are under way to make a quilt to raffie. The ladies will have their Christmas party with the senior citizens on Thursday, Dec. 9.

History books of the Alder Flats, Buck Lake and Pandry areas are available from any member of Division 7 History Book Committee and the Buck Lake Store or the Buck Lake Hardware.

Carl and Marlene Bohning of Rocky Mountain House visited at the home of Wilfred and Goldie Anderson on Nov. 11.

Heather Brown's special education class from Alder Flats will give a Christmas presentation for small children at the Buck Lake School on Dec. 9, entitled Christmas Around the World. The

performers will be Dale Van, Colleen Curly, Janet Moody, David Zimmerman, Allen Kranner and Mark MacLean.

Kathy and Leslie Spokenko, Jim Haffner, Greg McKay, Jeanette Larsson, Joann Bohning, Core Fontaine, Esther Fullerton, Ivan Bohning, Al Prevost, Lois Romie, Bradley and Brian McLeod, Marvin Long, Susan Schuurie, Wes Bouch, Dorothy Willows, Pearl Schenk, Betty Gisel, Sherry Tows and Penny Rensch all celebrate December birthdays.

Art and Betty Gisel, Frank and Hanna Foster, John and Kathy Duffy, Fred and Edie Drader, Wes and Betty Bouch, Rose and Lloyd Alcock and Jans and Amy Miller will celebrate anniversaries in December.

Seniors kept busy during bustle of seasonal activity

By Janice Bartlett

High score cribbage winners for Nov. 29 were Edna Langer for ladies and Billy Hoen for men. Lows went to Ray Rensch and Paul Pukano-wicz.

There are seven teams competing in the floor curling tournament on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Florence Crawford demonstrated making crocheted mats last

Wednesday afternoon, by crocheting over old woolen material cut in strips with yarn or old nylon stockings.

We tried to help Mary Klus with her macramé hanger.

Winners at whist on Dec. 2 were: high for ladies, Anna Pawlik; low Janice Bartlett; men's high Albert Mar-tin, low Ed Hines.

The Christmas pot luck supper at the Drop-in Centre will be held Dec. 18 at 6 p.m.

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Creativity beats cost of wrap

By Janice McGregor

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Print your own wrap. Use soft gum erasers, potatoes or carved wooden blocks for printing. Used with stamp pads in various Christmas colors, they can create wonderful wrap. Remember to carve the mirror image on the eraser, potato or wooden block. Print onto flat plain paper and allow to dry before wrapping gifts.

Dye paper towels in festive Christmas colors. Fold two sections of towel twice each way and dampen slightly in plain water. Dip each corner into a separate color, using food coloring diluted in water. For softer shades, use rice paper.

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The Homemaker

by Janice McGregor
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newspapers or magazines. They can be used for smaller gifts and would be original under the Christmas tree.

Use plain colored paper for wrap. Decorate it with cut-outs from old Christmas cards and other Christmas prints.

Save bits of fabric, seam binding, lace and other sewing notions from sewing projects to make ribbons and bows. Add a personal, unique and creative touch to Christmas parcels.

Another idea for bows is to learn some origami, the ancient Chinese art of paper cutting. By cutting plain colored paper interesting designs can be created to decorate parcels.

Create your own name tags by cutting up old Christmas cards. Use some Christmas wrap or the paper you have printed. Keep your eyes open for say prints or pictures that can be used for Christmas gift wrapping.

Remember this gift wrap is disposed of shortly after use. The idea is to hide what's inside. Wrapping a gift using items from around the house and a little time and imagination saves a lot more about why you're giving the gift.

Holiday reading can be planned in advance

By Lois Peterson

Regular library hours will be in effect for the Christmas season, but the library will be closed, Friday, Dec. 24, Saturday, Dec. 25, Monday, Dec. 27 and Monday, Jan. 3.

The library will also be closed on towns of Drayton Valley declared holidays, in lieu of regular holidays falling on weekends.

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Son: "He didn't say a word!"

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photography it is all down to intricate detail. Shorter emphasizes that the series, formerly director of Alberta Access, developed the general concept for the pilot series and all three stories.

An information package on The Bush Pilots describes it as an "adult adventure series... fast-paced, humorous and packed with suspenseful, exciting situations. Its characters—both people and planes—are rugged, resourceful and often a bit eccentric."

Shorter noted he's always been interested in the legendary bush pilots of Alberta but hadn't seriously considered their potential as a television series until "four stories walked through the door" of a flying company he was visiting one afternoon.

"It's a series that belongs in Alberta the way a series on the French Foreign Legion belongs in the Sahara."

Shorter said he's had more than 100 calls from people sharing stories about bush pilots of the early days of frontier Alberta.

"The end idea is to get a continuing series and so you've got to make sure an awful lot of stories could track through the door."

The first episode features Jenny, "the sweet, but tough, new pilot still paying her dues... being initiated into the rough world of bush flying." Episode two centers on a race between a Lear Jet and a DC-8 to see which crew can be first to stop a pipeline leak which threatens the fragile ecology of a northwestern Alberta wildlife sanctuary.

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And episode three opens with the comic death of Old Pete, who made a career out of withholding the location of the Lost Angel gold mine... and nearly everyone finds a map to the mysterious gold mine as Old Pete has the last laugh.

Work on the project now enters the post production phase with editing and sound mixing being the principle tasks at hand.

The series is being backed by CFMT television at a cost of approximately \$500,000. CFMT "really deserves a pat on the back, according to Shorter, as 'no one independent station in Canada' with the possible exception of ITV has ever taken on a project of this magnitude.



Assistant director Arvi Limintainen holds a fan while a crew member operates artificial snow into the breeze to create a blizzard effect for commercial Bladder.

Johnsons display their prize winning cattle

By Alan Johnson
TVX XIII

The annual meeting of the Brightwood Cattle Association was held at Moon Lake Hall Nov. 28. It was decided to hold a bee in the early spring to trim the spruce trees.

The board members the same as last year, with Norm Johnson as president, Ray Tully vice-president, and Alice Woloszyn secretary-treasurer. Directors are Stan and Margaret Woloszyn, George Edg, Glenn Johnson, Chris Woloszyn and Ethel Robinson. The books were audited by Ethel and Zetta MacRae.

The next hall meeting will be held Dec. 15. Members are asked to come at 7 p.m. to prepare for the annual children's Christmas party.

Moon Lake News

Richard Woloszyn attended an agricultural fieldman in service training refresher course held in Edmonton recently.

Darlene Woloszyn was home recently for a week from her job near Grande Cache.

Ray and Diane Tully and family visited recently with Diane's brothers, Clifford and Lyle Christensen and their families in the Dryden area. They also visited with Ray's sister Edna and Sven Mortenson and family.

Colleen Johnson and boys of Laidmanville stopped for a short visit at the Norm Johnson home on Nov. 27.

Richard and Laurie Woloszyn attended the wedding and dance of a friend at Jack Pine Hall recently.

Margaret and Stan Woloszyn had some of their family home last week.

Norm and Glenn Johnson celebrated their 45th and 57th birthdays.

Larry and Maryann Law spent two weeks in Hawaii recently.

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Lost in the bid for writing space

Last spring, when I was considering dropping this column, the reader response was "Please don't!"

So now I'm being asked "What happened?" I haven't really. There's a few columns floating around about Halloween; about Gord and I finally getting away on a holiday together, with plans of hitting the west coast but ending up in the Calgary Public Library about heading out to the black powder shot at Tomahawk, only to find myself at the hospital socializing with a new grandson (thanks to Bonnie and Jim).

I wrote about all that and more, but unfortunately I got lost in the bid for space in the Review those weeks.

As you may have noticed, the print in the paper is larger and far more readable lately... that's the good news. The bad news is that with larger print, each story takes up more room. That, along with the increase in features and

Out Our Way



by Wendy Thomson

news from outlying areas, means the space left over for letters, like this column, is decreasing.

The poor editor sits and tears at his hair, trying to decide what has the most general interest, knowing that whatever his decision, he'll have one

or more irate writers on his back. Anyhow, that's basically why you haven't seen me lately... right now there's more copy than there is space.

Six months ago, I mentioned a long-term project I had in mind. Well, that's upcoming, and since I'll be gone for three months (January to April) I have been suggested I let Out Our Way drop. Maybe when I return there'll be more room again.

Every now and then, when I have the time and energy, perhaps I'll pick off a page or so (the typewriter goes with me) and with luck it will be a week when letters are needed.

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Take A Look In Our Book

Buck-lampers caught at game-cheating

Charges have been laid by the Drayton Valley Fish and Wildlife officers resulting from a series of patrols on Nov. 26 and 27.

Michael Allan Pihlak of Drayton Valley and James Davis of Spruce Grove were both charged under the Wildlife Act. Both men then charged of

using a night light for hunting big game and unlawfully hunting wildlife during the period commencing one-half hour after sunset and ending one-half hour before sunrise.

Eleven Fish and Wildlife officers, two RCMP officers and a County of Parkland police officer

were involved in the patrols which covered approximately 1,000 square kilometres each night.

Patrolmen in an aircraft directed ground units to a location near Rocky Rapids where the men were apprehended.

Evensburg RCMP are also charged under the Wildlife Act in connection with an incident on Nov. 28. Earl Hussey of Gibbons, Richard Parent of Wildwood and George Parent of Spruce Grove were all charged with using a night light for the purpose of hunting big game and unlawfully hunting wildlife during the period commencing one-half hour after sunset and ending one-half hour before sunrise.

Metric conversion explained for cooking

Are you thinking of giving metric bakers presents this Christmas? According to Catherine Blumert of Alberta Agriculture's home economics laboratory, they can be crisscrossed off Christmas lists.

She concludes that more metric recipes are being developed and she also concludes that there will probably be an even wider variety of metric festive recipes this Christmas than in previous years.

However, she points out that it is a misconception to think it is necessary to have metric bakeware to bake metric recipes.

The difference between conventional bakeware and metric bakeware is that the former is designated by dimension while the latter is designated by volume.

To find the metric volume of a conventional pan, take a metric liquid measure and measure the amount of water it takes to fill the pan. This will give the metric volume of the pan. Mark it on a piece of adhesive tape and stick the tape to the bottom of the pan for future reference.

Optimal Caramels
Ingredients: 32 caramels; 75 ml. milk; 250 ml. all-purpose flour; 250 ml. melted butter; 175 ml. brown sugar; 2 ml. baking soda; 1 ml. salt; 175 ml. butter or margarine; 250 ml. chocolate chips; 125 ml. chopped walnuts.

Preheat oven to 180 degrees C. Melt caramels

in milk, cook slightly.

In a large bowl combine four, rolled oats, brown sugar, baking soda, salt and butter. Press half of crumble into a 2.5 L. cake pan.

Bake at 180 degrees C. for 10 minutes. Remove from oven. Sprinkle with chocolate chips and walnuts. Spread carefully with caramel mixture. Sprinkle with remaining crumb mixture.

Bake at 180 degrees C. for 15 to 20 minutes, or until lightly browned. Chill one to two hours and cut into bars.

That's Entertainment

Legion Calendar

Hall Rentals - 542-4509

General meeting first Tues. of every month
Pancake Breakfast 2nd Sunday of every month.
Pick up your Legion Card at the door.
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - second Tuesday of every month.
Ladies Auxiliary B'n't - third Thursday every month
Now collecting for Enfranchisement Thursday
Initiation to take place each general meeting
Elections for officers on Dec. 7. General Meeting.
Service Officer - Call Adam Muzylowski

Sekura auction report

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In last week's paper it was Andy Kugelski who received the award from Imperial Oil for maintaining an 84 per cent average last year in his course as NAAT.

The United Church White Gift Service will be held Sunday, Dec. 19. Carol singing will begin at 7:15 p.m. with the program starting at 7:30.

Following a long tradition, the gifts from the white gift service will be taken to the Bisset Centre in Edmonton.

The Bisset Centre is a drop-in center for people not otherwise receiving any gifts for Christmas.

Wayne Young, captain, Lyle Hedlund, Michael Robinson, Todd Nelson, Bobby Ellis, Corey Tryon, Delbert Doeken, Mark Waldron and Larry Slaver, the Drayton Junior High boys' volleyball team, had a successful year.

With coach Cliff Hansen, the team beat Windfield eight out of 10 games, Alder Flats four out of 10 games and Warburg nine out of 10 games.

The regular meeting of the Breton Women's Institute was held Nov. 24 with 12 members present. Fran Ekstrom was hostess.

Margaret Smith was the winner of the premiums draw.

A letter from Tony Weyenberg, constituency convener, was read.

Paul Ekstrom and Nita Gryb are to audit the books for next month's annual meeting.

The nickel draw was won by Marge Rustand and penny draw by Annie Peterson.

The club will donate to the Chamber of Commerce for Christmas cash.

Any club or organization that is a registered society in need of funds must submit a 1982 proposed budget and a 1982 financial statement to the Breton and District Recreation and Parks Board prior to Feb. 1, 1983.

The organization must support, promote and work toward recreation and parks in all its board application.

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Breton News

by Lois Dyck

The next meeting will be held at Breton High School on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

The Breton Chamber of Commerce will supply candy bags for the annual visit from Santa Claus sponsored by the Community Club.

The Chamber of Commerce is also looking into the possibility of a business directory.

The next meeting of the Breton Chamber of Commerce will be a Christmas supper meeting on Dec. 15.

Roy and Janet Ellis spent the night of Nov. 28 with Lisa and Marvin Long. The next day Janet, Lisa and Marvin drove to Red Deer and spent the day visiting with the Doves.

Anita Land, Mabel Gaetz, Dicie and Janet Ellis travelled to Wetaskiwin Nov. 28 to the poultry show.

The Breton Golden Age Club met Dec. 1 at the Golden Age Centre.

The election of officers for 1983 was held. Stella Myrhaugen was elected president; Catherine Moorhouse vice-president; Rose Saunders secretary; Katie Eirik Treasurer; Jean Levers in charge of crafts; Elizabeth Saubik a recreation chairman; Mary Johnson in charge of the kitchen; and Edith Shave in as the social secretary.

Thanks was given to Thelma Williams who has served as secretary as the head kitchen worker for a number of years.

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A number of the senior citizens are bowling this year at Drayton Valley every Wednesday.

The ice, lake sale, bazaar and flea market was a success.

Moose is a patient in the Breton Hospital.

The village of Breton donated a blackboard to the Golden Age Centre.

Forty-two Crooked Lake senior citizens visited recently and were entertained by playing bingo.

Before the visitors left they presented the Breton Golden Age Club with a silver tray and a cash donation.

Dec. 1 was the regular Funnel card party with Ernie Ellis winning men's high, Ben Tryon men's low, Sheila Ostry ladies' high, and Janet Ellis ladies' low. Travelling prize went to Kathleen Ellis and drew prize to Elizabeth Saubik.

The next card party at Funnel will be Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 11 is the last Breton Farmers' Market for this year at the Breton Community Centre from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Breton Elks and Royal Purple and invited guests will hold a Christmas party Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. in the form of a pot luck supper and dance.

The first in a series of bingo pots up by the Breton Elks will be held Dec. 14 in the Breton Community Centre. There will be a bingo on the second Wednesday of each month up to and including March.

The Breton Faith Community Church will hold its annual Christmas banquet on Friday, Dec. 17.

Sunday, Dec. 19 at 11 a.m. the choir will sing several Christmas songs. At 7 p.m. the Sunday School will present a new Christmas musical entitled, The One and Only Christmas Factory.

Friday, Dec. 24 at 8 p.m. the Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held.

The New Year's Eve gathering beginning at 8 p.m.

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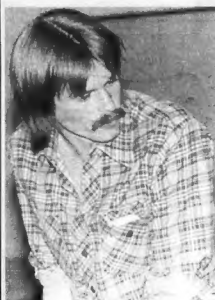
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Concerned citizens take action



Rob McIntosh, citizens' group spokesman.

By Mack McCall
Citizens from Lodgepole, Cynthia and Drayton Valley have formed a citizens' action committee, with the purpose of demanding more public information on blowout dangers.

"We're not out to black ball Amoco or any other oil company," said Rob McIntosh, spokesman for the group.

"Too many people have complained about lack of access to pertinent data."

The group expressed frustration with three potential information sources—the ERCB, Amoco and Alberta Environment.

"There has been no co-ordination of information so when you go looking for answers, you find little bits here and there but never enough for a big picture," said McIntosh.

The citizens' action committee met three times in as many weeks, beginning in Cynthia, then Lodgepole, and finally in Drayton Valley. Thirty people attended the Cynthia meeting. 150 were crowded into Lodgepole school gym and a meeting with Shirley Cripps was arranged for Dec. 13 in Drayton Valley.

The most public of the three meetings was Lodgepole where complaints ranged from nausea and sore eyes, to one farmer's complaint that his vealers were over two weeks behind feeding.

"We're afraid of ignorance. Maybe the government is too," said McIntosh.



Joe Lavasa was one of the many expressing concern over health hazards.

"We want to see comprehensive health studies available to the public, we want to see better co-ordination of public information outlets, and we want to know why these blowouts keep happening."

Following the Drayton Valley meeting with Cripps, the committee members seemed content.

"Nothing came out of the meeting we didn't expect. But she is taking the issue into the cabinet."

"Cripps brought several government officials to the meeting in Drayton Valley and they all had open minds about our demands," McIntosh explained.

"They will be getting back to us at week's end with an indication of what they'll do next."

Capping procedures continue at wild well

By Stuart Adams
The initial stage of the capping of Amoco Canada's blowout has been completed and the second stage was expected to be finished yesterday.

"On Friday crews at the site removed a wellhead casing bowl after steel cable drawn between two service rigs cut through the outer casing supporting the casing bowl," said Amoco spokesman Don Smith, Monday.

He said the second stage, the completion of a 120-metre long trench, three metres deep and 10 metres wide, would likely be finished Tuesday.

To protect the workers from the heat he said a

'riser' or chimney has been suspended by a crane over the flame. Its function is to move the flame higher above the work area.

It was decided to remove the casing bowl after it became apparent it was damaged by the second

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Sparks cause fire

By Stuart Adams

Errant sparks appear to be the cause of a fire Monday at H.W. Pickup Junior High School.

The fire began at about 11 a.m. in the industrial arts building of the school. "We think that it was caused by a spark when they were cutting a bearing raceway," said Drayton Valley Fire Chief Sheldon Poon.

"It appears sparks fell down a wall, heat register and ignited dust and the subflooring in the diet."

Clint Schwalbe was the teacher in charge of Grade 11 and 12 students taking a power mechanics course. "We cut the bearing and there wasn't any serious smoke until about a half an hour after we finished."

He said the cutting of the bearing created a considerable amount of smoke and windows had been opened to increase ventilation. "It started to get thicker and then we saw smoke coming from the register."

The alarm was turned on at about 11:15 and the fire was extinguished by 11:45. There was minor damage to the surface and subfloor and the wall around the register.

Both the industrial arts building and the main building of the school were evacuated. Principal Colin Cavanagh complimented his students on the orderliness and promptness of their evacuation.

Fire Chief Sheldon Poon examines the cause of the fire.